

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of billing intervention for network charges associated with access to a network, comprising the steps of:
receiving from a client via the network a request for a ~~web~~ document;
in response to receiving the request, charging a party associated with the ~~web~~ document, in lieu of the client who otherwise is charged network charges for their network access, for subsequent network ~~activity of~~ access to the network by the client.
2. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1, comprising~~ A method for billing intervention for access to a network, comprising the steps of:
receiving from a client via the network a request for a document;
in response to receiving the request, charging a party associated with the document for subsequent network activity of the client; and
in response to receiving a second request for a second ~~web~~ document that is not associated with the party, discontinuing charging the party for the subsequent network activity of the client.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the client is a mobile computer and client access to the network is via a wireless link and the network charges are associated with the wireless link access to the network.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the mobile computer is a portable digital assistant.
5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the mobile computer is within a mobile telephone.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, comprising:
after a pre-determined time interval has elapsed, discontinuing charging the party

for the ~~network activity of~~ subsequent network charges associated with subsequent access to the network by the client.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer program in a computer-readable medium, ~~comprising the computer program comprising device executable code to perform the steps of:~~

receiving from a client a request for a web document;

in response to receiving the request, charging a party associated with the web document, in lieu of the client who otherwise is charged network charges for their network access, for subsequent network activity of access to the network by the client.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer program of claim 7, comprising:~~ A computer program in a computer-readable medium, the computer program comprising device executable code to perform the steps of:

receiving from a client a request for a document;

in response to receiving the request, charging a party associated with the document for subsequent network activity of the client; and

in response to receiving a second request for a second ~~web~~ document that is not associated with the party, discontinuing charging the party for the subsequent network activity of the client.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer program of claim 7, wherein the client is a mobile computer and client access to the network is via a wireless link and the network charges are associated with the wireless link access to the network.

10. (Original) The computer program of claim 9, wherein the mobile computer is a portable digital assistant.

11. (Original) The computer program of claim 9, wherein the mobile computer is within a mobile telephone.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer program of claim 7, further comprising device executable code to perform the step of:

after a pre-determined time interval has elapsed, discontinuing charging the party for the ~~network activity of~~ subsequent network charges associated with subsequent access to the network by the client.

13. (Currently Amended) A data processing system comprising:

a bus system;

a processing unit connected to the bus system and including at least one processor;

memory connected to the bus system; and

a set of instructions in the memory, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to perform:

receiving from a client a request for a web document; and

in response to receiving the request, charging a party associated with the web document, in lieu of the client who otherwise is charged network charges for their network access, for subsequent network activity of access to the network by the client.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The data processing system of claim 13, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to perform:~~ A data processing system comprising:

a bus system;

a processing unit connected to the bus system and including at least one processor;

memory connected to the bus system; and

a set of instructions in the memory, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to perform:

receiving from a client a request for a document;

in response to receiving the request, charging a party associated with the document for subsequent network activity of the client; and

in response to receiving a second request for a second web document that is not

associated with the party, discontinuing charging the party for the subsequent network activity of the client.

15. (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 13, wherein the client is a mobile computer and client access to the network is via a wireless link and the network charges are associated with the wireless link access to the network.

16. (Original) The data processing system of claim 15, wherein the mobile computer is a portable digital assistant.

17. (Original) The data processing system of claim 15, wherein the mobile computer is within a mobile telephone.

18. (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 13, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to perform:
after a pre-determined time interval has elapsed, discontinuing charging the party for the ~~network activity of~~ subsequent network charges associated with subsequent access to the network by the client.

19. (Newly Added) A method of preempting normal customer billing for access to a network, comprising the step of:

charging a server party for the access to the network, in lieu of charging a client party who otherwise is charged for the client party's access to the network, when the client party accesses network content of the server party.

20. (Newly Added) The method of Claim 20, wherein the client party accesses the network content via a wireless link using a wireless communication device and the network access charges are associated with the wireless link access to the network.

21. (Newly Added) A method for network access billing intervention in a system comprising a sender, receiver and intervener coupled together via a network, comprising the steps of:

monitoring network traffic of the sender by the intervener; and
responsive to a determination that the sender is sending a request for information associated with the receiver, changing network access billing of the sender to instead bill the receiver for the sender's network access.

22. (Newly Added) The method of Claim 21, wherein the sender sends the request via a wireless link using a wireless communication device and the network access charges are associated with the wireless link access to the network.